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Dear Editors and Reviewers,

Thank you and the reviewers for a thorough review of our manuscript entitled “**Collagenous Gastritis: Review**” (Manuscript number 14428, **INVITED REVIEW ID 00188507**) by Kobayashi M, Sato Y, Aoyagi Y, and myself. The thoughtful comments from the reviewers are greatly appreciated. In preparing for revision, we have carefully studied reviewers’ comments and incorporated many of their suggestions into the revised manuscript. For your convenience, we have highlighted the changes made in blue. We hope this revised manuscript is now acceptable for publication in *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy*.

We declare that this work is original, the manuscript is not under consideration by other journals. All authors approved the contents submitted. We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely yours,

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Dear Reviewers:

Thank you very much for your thoughtful comments and suggestions. In preparing the revision, we have carefully studied your comments and incorporated many of your suggestions into the revised manuscript. The following are our point-by-point responses to your comments/concerns. For your convenience, we have highlighted the changes made in blue.

Title: Collagenous Gastritis: Review Invited Review (Author ID 00188507)

Author: Kenya Kamimura, Masaaki Kobayashi, Yuichi Sato, Yutaka Aoyagi

Name of Journal: *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy*

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Reviewer #1

This is a review article of “collagenous gastritis” a rare disease of the stomach. As a whole, the article was well-written.

Response: We are grateful to this reviewer for the positive comments and for recognizing the significance of our work.

1. *In the cases having both collagenous gastritis and collagenous colitis, are the types of collagen similar between the stomach and the colon?*

Response: The reviewer’s point is well taken. However, due to the limited number of cases reported, there is no comprehensive study focusing on the types of the collagen. It is obvious that the point is necessarily be examined to determine the difference of adult and pediatric types. We have added the description. (p9, line 10)

2. *Discussion is redundant, and includes many duplicated sentences already shown in the former sections. Please avoid duplication and make the Discussion more concise.*

Response: We agree with the reviewer. We have significantly modified discussion and made it more concise. (p12, line 5-8, line 15-16 were deleted).

3. *In page 10, mesalazine, mesalamine and asacol are the identical compound. It is true also in the case of sulfasalazine and salazopyrin.*

Response: We agree with the reviewer. We have modified descriptions in manuscript (p10, line 3-5) and Table 1.

4. *There are some type errors (e.g. page 6, line4, and page 13, line 1).*

Response: We are grateful to this reviewer for the thorough review. We have made sincere efforts in eliminating grammatical errors including proofreading by a native English speaking colleague.

Reviewer #2

This is a well-designed and conducted review article.

Response: We are grateful to this reviewer for the positive comments and for recognizing the significance of our work.

1. *The literature review is appropriate however some explanations are repeated several times becoming the text redundant and less fluent.*

Response: We agree with the reviewer. We have significantly deleted the redundant explanations and modified discussion and made it more concise. (p12, line 5-8, line 15-16 were deleted).

2. *Some medications with your trade name could be grouped under the generic name of the drug on the topic of treatment. The language polishing is very good.*

Response: We agree with the reviewer. We have modified descriptions in manuscript (p10, line 3-5) and Table 1.

As well as the points shown above, references and typesetting were corrected.